

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. through 3. (Canceled)

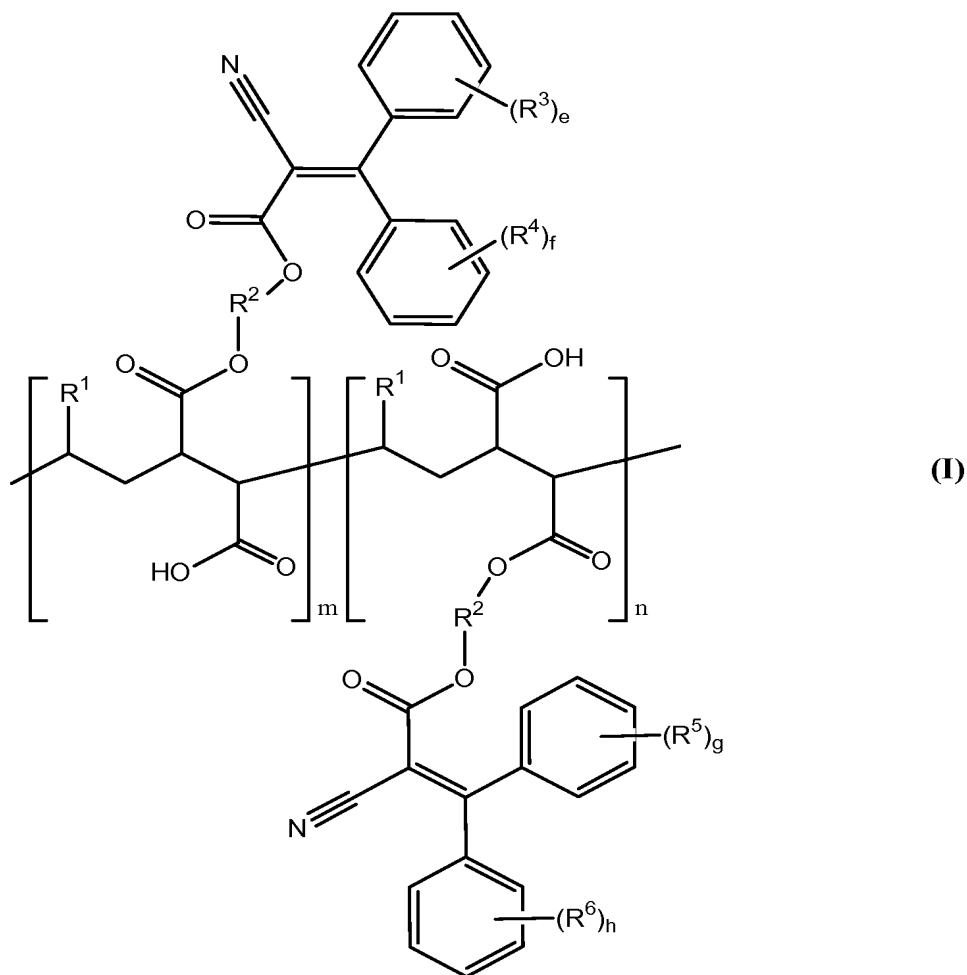
4. (Currently amended) The ~~compound~~ method of claim ~~116~~, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (1) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.

5. through 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The ~~composition~~ method of claim ~~116~~, wherein said compound of formula (I) is present in said composition in an amount in the range of about 0.01% to about 30% by weight of the total weight of the composition.

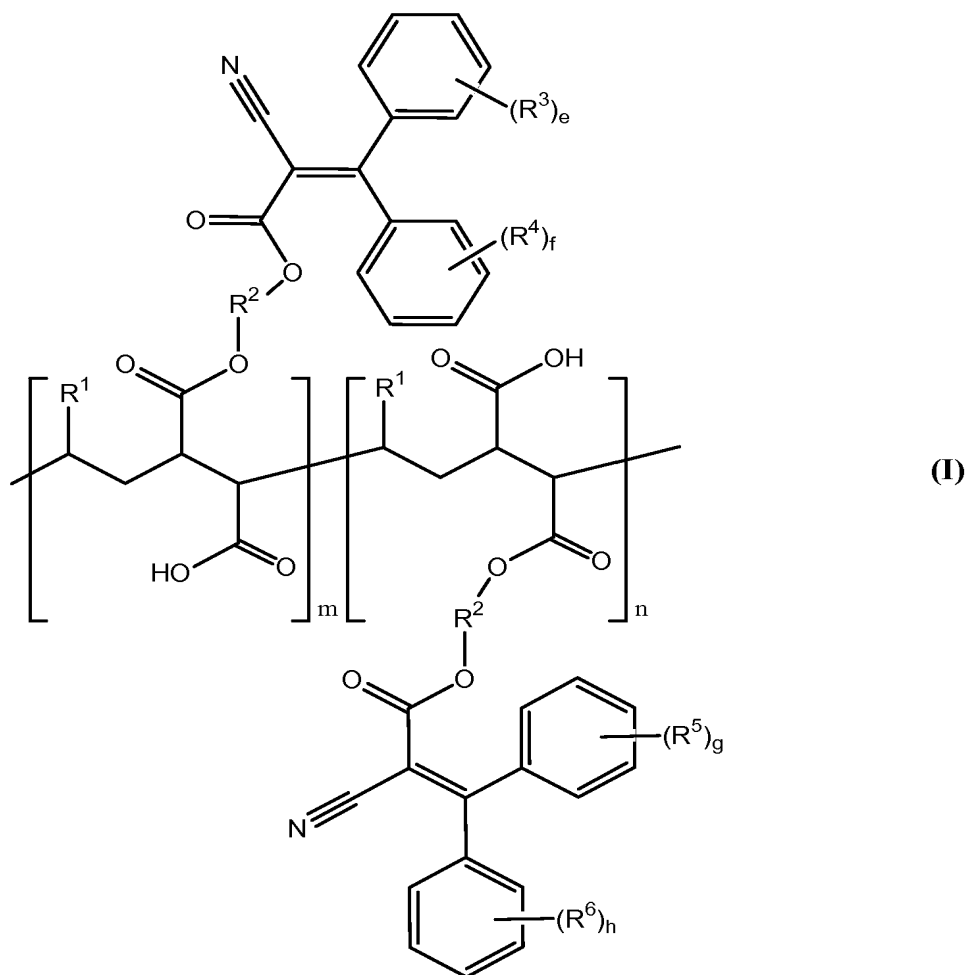
15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, ~~the a~~ composition comprising a mixture of a photoactive compound, and a compound of formula (I) ~~of claim 11~~.



wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ , and  $R^6$  are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$  substituted alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

17. (Original) A method of protecting human skin from ultraviolet radiation, comprising topically applying to said skin, in a cosmetically acceptable carrier, a compound of formula (I):



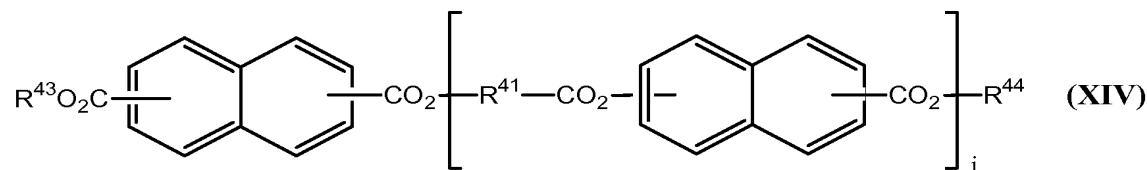
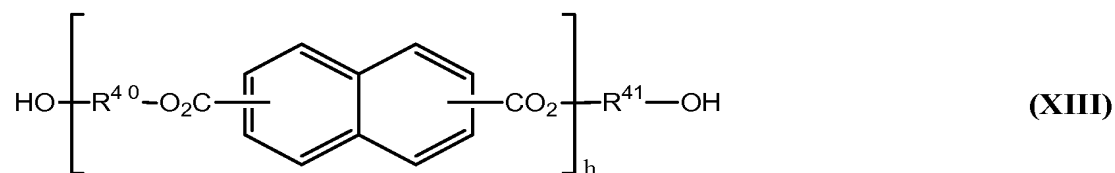
wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ , and  $R^6$  are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$  substituted alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino, e, g, f, and h are each in the range of 0 to 4, m and n are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of m plus n is at least 1.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$  alkyl groups.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein R1 is a C16 straight chain alkyl group, and R2 is a 2,2-dimethylpropyl group.

20. through 42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently amended) ~~The composition-method of claim 39~~ 16, wherein the photoactive compound comprises further comprising a diester or polyester of naphthalene dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of compounds of formulae (XIII) and (XIV), and combinations thereof:

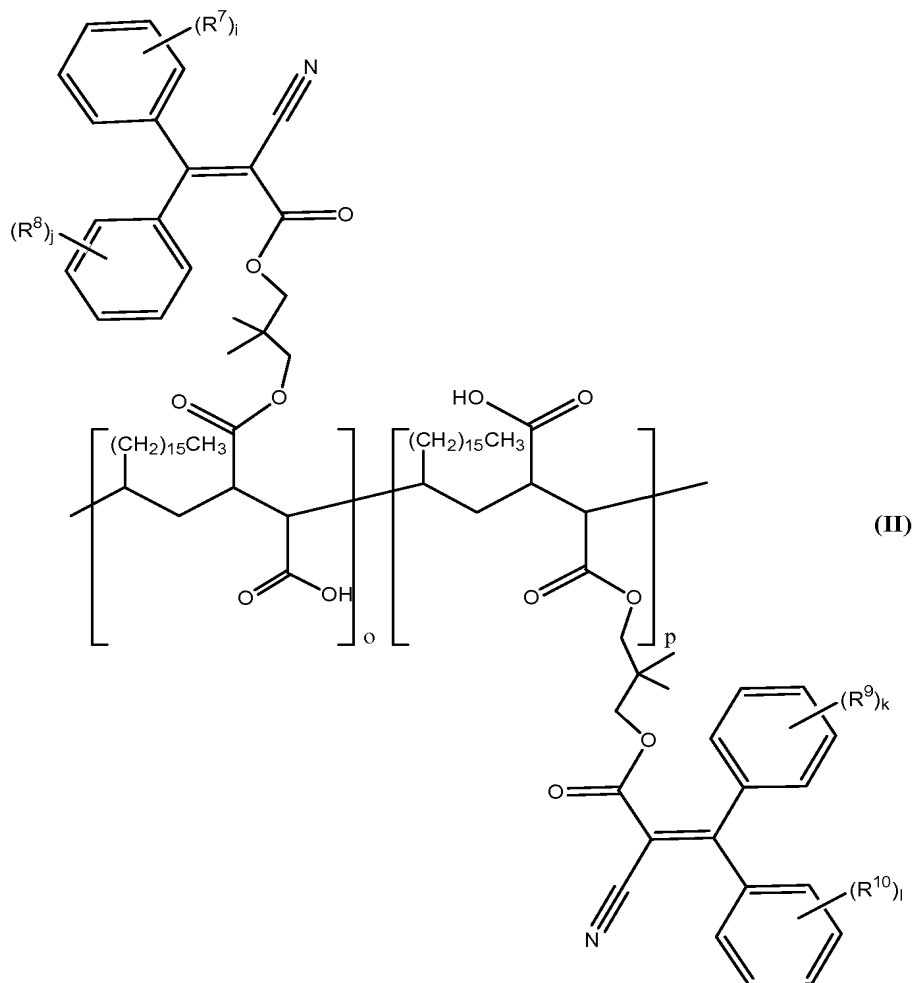


wherein R<sup>43</sup> and R<sup>44</sup> are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>22</sub> alkyl groups, diols having the structure HO—R<sup>41</sup>—OH, and polyglycols having the structure HO—R<sup>40</sup>—(—O—R<sup>41</sup>—)<sub>j</sub>—OH; wherein each R<sup>40</sup> and R<sup>41</sup> is the same or different and selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight or branched chain alkyl groups; and wherein h and j are each in a range of 1 to 100 and i is in a range of 0 to 100.

44. through 88. (Canceled)

89. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the photoactive compound comprises a dibenzoylmethane derivative.

90. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the compound of formula (I) has the following formula (II):



wherein  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ , and  $R^{10}$  are the same or different and selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{30}$  substituted alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$  substituted cycloalkyl, ester, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted aryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, cyano, and amino,  $i$ ,  $j$ ,  $k$ , and  $l$  are each in the range of 0 to 4,  $o$  and  $p$  are each in the range of 0 to 5000, and the sum of  $o$  plus  $p$  is at least 1.

91. (New) The method of claim 90, wherein the Weight-Average Molecular Weight of said compound of formula (I) is in the range of about 30,000 to about 110,000.